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SUBJECT: SANKEI POLL ON MIKI CABINET

SUMMARY: SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL CONDUCTED OCTOBER 27 (REPORTED IN SANKEI OCTOBER 29) ON MIKI CABINET WITH 906 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS REVEALED: (A) SUPPORT FOR MIKI CABINET CONTINUED DECLINING WITH ONLY 25 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED EXPRESSING SUPPORT, WHILE HIGHEST-EVER 34 PERCENT EXPRESSED NON-SUPPORT. (B) SOME CONSPICUOUS CHANGES SANKEI ANALYSTS OBSERVED IN MIKI CABINET SUPPORT IN PAST TEN MONTHS WERE: (1) THOSE ANSWERING "SEEMS NO APPROPRIATE PERSON BESIDES MIKI" AS REASON FOR MIKI SUPPORT DROPPED FROM INITIAL 19 PERCENT TO 7; (2) "SEEMS TO GIVE US CLEAN POLITICS" FELL SIMILARLY FROM 19 TO 4; WHILE (3) "CANNOT EXPECT ANY POLICIES" AS REASON FOR NON-SUPPORT ROSE FROM 2 PERCENT TO LATEST 16. SANKEI POLLSTER SAW THESE FINDINGS INDICATING RESPONDENTS' "STRONG DISILLUSIONMENT TOWARD MIKI ADMINISTRATION." (C) LDP AND JCP EACH GAINED TOP 30 PERCENT IN MULTIPLE REPLIES AS POLITICAL PARTIES "LIKELY TO GROW" IN CASE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION IS HELD IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

FULL TEXT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. DO YOU NOW SUPPORT MIKI CABINET, OR DON'T YOU?: (A) SUPPORT, 25; (B) DO NOT SUPPORT, 34; (C) DK, 41,

2. REASONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT (25 PERCENT): (A) ITS POLICY SEEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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BETTER THAN HERETOFORE, 2; (B) SEEMS NO APPROPRIATE PERSON

BESIDES MIKI, 7; (C) FEEL ASSURED WITH ANYONE UNDER LDP ADMINISTRATION, 6; (D) IT PLACES IMPORTANCE ON DIALOGUE WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES, 2; (E) SEEMS TO GIVE US "CLEAN" POLITICS, 4; (F) NO SPECIFIC REASON, 3; (G) OTHER, 1.

3. REASONS FOR NON-SUPPORT (34 PERCENT): (A) IT IS LDP CABINET, 3; (B) THERE ARE APPROPRIATE PERSONS OTHER THAN MIKI, 2; (C) IT IS NOT LIKELY TO CONSIDER INTEREST OF WORKERS, 6; (D) WE CANNOT TRUST PREMIER MIKI, 4; (E) CANNOT EXPECT ANY POLICIES, 16; (F) NO SPECIFIC REASON 3; (G) OTHER, 0.

4. WHAT ARE POLICIES YOU NOW WANT MIKI CABINET TO CARRY OUT BY ALL MEANS? (MULTIPLE REPLIES): (A) EDUCATIONAL REFORM, 27; (B) CONTROL SPIRALING LAND PRICES, 21; (C) PRICE STABILIZATION, 73; (D) OVERCOMING RECESSION, 41; (E) POLLUTION REDUCTION, 25; (F) TAX REDUCTION, 18; (G) REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, 14; (H) INCREASE OLD-AGE ANNUITIES, 11; (I) REFORM OF ELECTION SYSTEM, 8; (J) CONTROL OF POLITICAL FUNDS, 8; (K) DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY, 5; (L) OTHER, 2; (M) NONE, 1; (N) DK, 1

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5. SUPPOSING LOWER HOUSE ELECTION IS HELD IN NEAR FUTURE, WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DO YOU THINK WILL GROW? (MUTIPLE REPLIES): (A) LDP, 30; (B) JSP, 18; (C) JCP, 30; (D) KOMEI-TO 19; (E) DSP, 5; (F) DK, 22.

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